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31 May 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 31 May 1968

DD/I reported that [] is negative.

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DD/I advised that the memorandum on the French crisis is ready and was transmitted to the President last night.

Godfrey briefed on the French situation noting that the trade union leadership appears to be keeping flexible regarding participation in the elections.

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Godfrey noted the Soviet-Czech announcement of the forthcoming Warsaw Pact maneuvers and commented that the announcement is unprecedentedly detailed, no doubt to allay possible misinterpretations of the intent of the maneuvers.

DD/S advised that a circular will be distributed to all employees outlining supplementary transportation arrangements which will go into effect in case of a bus strike.

Carver advised that there will soon be a flurry of information and comment on Laos due not to any change in the Laos situation but to the fact that Ambassador Harriman will be raising Laos in Paris and that Souvanna Phouma will be making a major speech.

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[] for Maury reported that the briefing of Messrs. Cohen and Miller has been arranged.

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Bross noted that the Director's agenda for his appearance before PFIAB consists of comments on the Eaton Report and comments on Colonel Sleeper's FTD briefing on Soviet technological advances.

ADD/S&T reported that last night's U-2 [] was recalled because of a technical malfunction, which has since been corrected.

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ADD/S&T noted that last night's SR-71 flight was cancelled because of weather and is on again for tonight.

The Director drew attention to today's press reports that the President has accepted the \$6 billion cut in expenditures as the price for the tax bill and that the Agency will therefore have to face up to a serious budgetary reduction.

Goodwin noted an article in Pravda attacking Western student militants and alleging that they may be connected with the CIA.

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